

Testimony of Congressman Ralph M. Hall
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would first like to thank the committee for holding this hearing on this timely topic.

On Thursday, June 15, the cities of Dallas and Ft. Worth, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Love Field, and D/FW announced that they had reached a deal regarding the Wright Amendment. I have long said that the parties should get together and broker a local agreement.

In reading over the agreement however, I have some concerns that I am hoping this committee addresses in the legislation. The counties in my district affected by section 6 of the agreement will oppose the agreement if section 6 is codified in a Federal act. I have been assured that this matter will be dealt with fairly. And, I have been advised that the provisions of section 6 are not unanimously supported by the parties who signed the agreement.

I urge this committee to reject legislation that codifies section 6 of this agreement. I look forward to working with Members of this committee, and Members of the entire Congress, to ensure that the American spirit of competition thrives. Thank you for your time.